(b) the number of such suits that came up for appeal before the Chief Court and the result of such appeals?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—(a) Seven (b) Vide statement appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer to (a), that is, the number of suits for the last 4 years and the number of suits in which the Government succeeded, is seven.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—It must be so, the statement given is correct.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In all the cases they succeeded?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Yes.

Ricksha tax collected from one Choolakaparambil Pily Pappu.

476. **Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and state:—

(1) the amount of rickshaw tax that is being collected from Mr. Choolakaparambil Pily Pappu of 1st Ward per year by the Municipal Council, Ernakulam;

(2) the number of rickshaws for which tax is being collected from him;

(3) the amount of tax collected from him for the year 1103 for keeping rickshaws;

(4) whether an amount of Re. 1-9-0 has been collected from him on 28th Dhanu 1103 being the tax for a rickshaw for the 1st half of 1103;

(5) whether an amount of Re. 1-9-0 has been collected from him on 2nd Edavam 1103 being the tax for a rickshaw for the 2nd half of 1103;

(6) whether an amount of Re. 1-10-0 has also been collected from him on 21st Edavam 1103 being the tax for a rickshaw for the 2nd half of 1103 with notice batta;

(7) has this fact of extortion been brought to the notice of the Municipal Chairman by anybody; if so, what action has been taken by the Chairman in the matter;

(8) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the counterfoils of the miscellaneous receipts No. 0/46, dated 28th Dhanu 1103, No. B. 96, dated 2nd Edavam 1103, and No. N. 17, dated 21st Dhanu 1104 respectively of the Municipal Council, Ernakulam?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) The amount of rickshaw tax collected depends on the number of rickshaws that one has. Choolakaparambil Pily Pappu has paid Rs. 3-2-0 for 2 rickshaws for the 2nd half of 1101. Rs. 1-10-0 (2 annas as warrant fee) for one rickshaw for the 1st half year of 1102. Rs. 1-9-0

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for one rickshaw for the 2nd half of 1102. Rs. 1-9-0 for one rickshaw for the 1st half of 1103. Rs. 1-9-0 for one rickshaw for the 2nd half of 1103 in the name of Choolakaparambil Pily Pappu of Ward II. Rs. 1-10-0 from Choolaparambil Pily Pappu of Ward I for one rickshaw for the 2nd half of 1103.

(2) One in 1102 and 1103.

(3) Vide answer to sub-division (1).

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes, on 3rd Edavam 1103.

(6) Yes—under an attachment order in the name of Choolakaparambil Pily Pappu.

(7) Mr. K. J. Antony, M.L.C., casually told the Municipal Chairman while in Court that there has been a double collection and on that very day enquiries were made in the office and it was found that the double collection was due to the difference in the house name of Pappu in the receipt and in the vehicle and animal list prepared and submitted to office by the Sanitary Inspector. It was ascertained that Choolakaparambil Pily Pappu and Choolaparambil Pily Pappu referred to were one and the same person and the excess collection was ordered to be refunded to the party. This fact was let known to Mr. K. J. Antony when the Chairman met him soon after.

(8) In view of the explanation furnished in part (7), Government do not consider that any purpose will be served by placing the receipts on the Table of the House.

Choondal Panchayat.

477. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the villages which constitute the Choondal Panchayat;

(b) what is the area of the Panchayat and what is its population;

(c) how many tanks are being maintained by the Panchayat;

(d) did the Panchayat want any tank maintained by it to be repaired; was the repair sanctioned; if not, why not;

(e) did the Panchayat suggest the construction of tanks in the villages of Kandanasseri and Aloor; has the suggestion been approved, if not, why not?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Choondal, Eranellore, Aloor and Kandanasseri.

(b) (1) 7,153 acres. (2) 12,574 according to the last census.

(c) Three.

(d) (1) Yes. (2) No. (3) For want of funds.

(e) The Panchayat recommended the improvement of either of the two tanks in Aloor Village, viz., one in Survey

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